


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for using a computer system to ~~enhance a reader's reading of~~ provide a reader with additional information about concepts referred to within an electronic text comprising the steps of:

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- a) accessing, using the computer system, at least one text, each text containing at least one section of text;
 - b) identifying at least one reference, contained in a section of text, to at least one concept;
 - c) identifying at least one reference, contained in at least one additional section of text, to a concept related to the concept identified in step (b); and
 - d) providing information about a reference identified in step (c);

without input from the reader between steps (b) and (d), inclusive.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the section of text in step (b) is displayed by the computer system.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said section of text displayed by the computer system contains a first reference to a concept, wherein said first reference is also contained in an index to the text, wherein a reference to said concept is identified in step 1(c) ~~using~~ based on its appearance in at least one index to a text, and wherein the information provided includes a link to the reference identified in step 1(c).

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer system uses an index to store information about at least one reference to at least one concept, said information including a pointer to said reference to said concept.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the index is a concordance.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a pointer to a reference to a concept is derived from an index of at least one text.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the index is a concordance.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer system obtains input from the reader ~~user~~ regarding the types of relationships between references to concepts to provide information about in step (d).

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the computer system obtains input from the reader ~~user~~ regarding the strength of relationships between related concepts to provide information about.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer system obtains input from the reader ~~user~~ identifying at least one text for application of this method.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing for the shared presence of certain words.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing for the shared presence of combinations of certain words in a specific order and within a specified proximity of one another.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing for shared patterns of word usage that are recognized by the computer system to relate to a concept.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing for the shared presence of at least one word that appears in the text with a specified frequency relative to other words.

15. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing for the presence of a synonym of at least one word.

16. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing for the shared citation of related sources.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing at least one concordance of at least one text.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts comprises analyzing commands embedded within text.

19. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method of identifying related concepts is based on statistical analysis of word usage.

20. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein concepts are considered to be related when the concepts are identical.

21. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein concepts are considered to be related when one concept is included within another.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein two concepts are considered to be related when they are ~~the~~ both related to a third concept.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~both~~ references to concepts in steps (b) and (c) are included in an index of the at least one text.

24. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information provided in step (d) includes a link providing access to a related section of text.

25. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information provided in step (d) includes presentation of a list of relationships identified between sections of at least one text.

26. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information provided in step (d) includes presentation of information about the relationship identified in step (c).

27. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information provided in step (d) includes presentation of the related section of text.

28. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information provided in step (d) is provided on an outline of at least one text.

29. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the materials searched by the computer system are on a single computer system.

30. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the materials searched by the computer system are made available through at least one computer network.

31. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reader user is provided with an index of concepts referred to in at least one text, said index containing the following features:

- a) ability to sort the index; and
- b) information regarding the frequency and location of discussions of the concepts.

32. (original) A method for using a computer system to make a computer user aware of a relationship detected in at least one indexed electronic text, comprising the steps of:

- a) for a section of text, identifying a first index entry citing said section of text;
- b) for an index entry identified in step a, identifying at least one additional index entry related to said first index entry; and
- c) providing information about a detected relationship.

33. (currently amended) A computer system that provides an implied search of a text, wherein the argument of the search is material related in a defined way to material presented to a user on a computer display, wherein no real-time input is required from the user, and wherein the results of the search are displayed to the user.

34. (currently amended) A computer system for enhancing reading an electronic text by providing a user with additional information about concepts referred to within said electronic text, said computer system comprising:

- a) a display device controlled by a computer;
- b) means for accessing at least one electronic text, each electronic text containing at least one reference to a concept;
- c) means for displaying a section of electronic text on a display device controlled by the computer system;
- d) means for identifying a reference to a concept in a section of electronic text being displayed on the display device;
- e) means for locating an additional reference to a concept identified ~~in step (d)~~ by said identifying means in at least one text; and
- f) means for enabling the user, without requiring input subsequent to viewing said section of electronic text, to view an additional reference to a concept located ~~in step (e)~~ by said locating means.

35. (currently amended) A computer memory storage device encoded with a computer program for using a computer system to enhance reading an electronic text by providing a user with additional information about concepts referred to within said electronic text, said computer program comprising:

- a) means for accessing at least one electronic text, each electronic text containing at least one reference to a concept;

b) means for displaying a section of electronic text on a display device controlled by the computer system;

c) means for identifying a reference to a concept in a section of electronic text being displayed on the display device;

d) means for locating an additional reference to a concept identified by said identifying means in at least one text; and

e) means for enabling the user, without requiring input subsequent to viewing said section of electronic text, to view an additional reference to a concept located by said locating means.
